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STATE OF MISSOURI )	
) SS. COUNTY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU )	
	R THE 32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI
MILES PIPER	)
Plaintiff,	)
vs.	) Case No.:
IOC-CAPE GIRARDEAU, LLC d/b/a CENTURY CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU	) )
Serve: Marc Ellinger, Registered Agent 308 East High Street, Ste 300	) )
Jefferson City, MO 65101	)
Defendant.	, )

### **PLAINTIFF'S PETITION FOR DAMAGES**

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Miles Piper, by and through undersigned counsel, and for his causes of action against Defendant, IOC-Cape Girardeau, LLC d/b/a Century Casino Cape Girardeau, and states to the Court as follows:

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. That Plaintiff, Miles Piper is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a citizen of the State of Missouri, and present in Cape Girardeau County, State of Missouri.
- 2. That at the time of the acts complained of herein and at all times mentioned, IOC-Cape Girardeau, LLC d/b/a Century Casino Cape Girardeau ("Defendant") was registered with the State of Missouri as a limited liability corporation and doing business at 777 Main Street, City of Cape Girardeau, County of Cape

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Girardeau, State of Missouri with its registered agent for service of process being Marc Ellinger, 308 East High Street, Ste 300, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

3. That, because Defendant transacts business in, and all allegations occurred in, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, and pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute §508.010, this is the Court of proper jurisdiction and venue.

#### **COUNT I**

- 4. That on or about November 5, 2018, Plaintiff was a patron of Defendant's Casino, located at 777 Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 (hereinafter the "Premises").
- 5. That on aforesaid date, Defendant had possession and control of the Premises.
- 6. That to enter and exit the Premises, Plaintiff had to go through a motorized revolving door.
- 7. That upon information and belief, the revolving door would commence and cease rotation based upon a patron's movement or non-movement within the vestibule of the same.
- 8. That on aforesaid date on the Premises there existed a dangerous condition, which consisted of a malfunctioning motorized revolving door of which Defendant was or should have been aware.
  - 9. Plaintiff was not aware of aforesaid dangerous condition.
- 10. Defendant owed Plaintiff a duty to exercise reasonable care for his safety and to maintain the revolving door on the Premises in a reasonably safe condition.

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- 11. That on aforesaid date, as Plaintiff was leaving the Premises, he entered the vestibule of the revolving door and began walking and the door and/or motor malfunctioned and struck Plaintiff, causing him to fall and sustain injury.
  - 12. That Defendant was negligent in the following respects, to-wit:
    - a. Failed to warn of the aforementioned condition;
    - b. Failed to barricade the aforementioned dangerous condition;
    - c. Failed to correct the aforementioned dangerous condition;
    - d. Failed to provide for alternate points of ingress and egress; and
    - e. Failed to exercise the degree of care as would a reasonable and prudent property owner.
- 13. That as a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendant as aforesaid, Plaintiff was struck by the revolving door and fell hard to the ground and sustained injuries to his right hip and all the bones, muscles, tendons, tissues, joints, ligaments, vessels, nerves and other soft tissues were severely wrenched, twisted, torn, impacted, crushed and otherwise damaged and Plaintiff's nerves and entire nervous system were disturbed and injured and that Plaintiff's serious and permanent injuries have caused Plaintiff to suffer limitation of motion and loss of ability to perform day-to-day activities and thereby has prevented Plaintiff from enjoying life and earning income; that Plaintiff has in the past and will in the future be required to seek medical care and incur expenses therefor; that all of Plaintiff's injuries are permanent and progressive in nature.
- 14. That Plaintiff has been caused to expend funds for his treatment and care and he will be forced to expend funds for treatment and care in the future.

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WHEREFORE Plaintiff Miles Piper prays the Court enter judgment in his favor against Defendant, IOC-Cape Girardeau, LLC d/b/a Century Casino Cape Girardeau, in an amount in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), for costs incurred herein, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

#### **COUNT II – RES IPSA LOQUITOR**

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 14 as if fully set forth herein.
- 16. On or about November 5, 2018, Defendant owned, maintained, operated, rented and/or controlled the Premises.
- 17. On or about November 5, 2018, Plaintiff was lawfully present at the Defendant Premises.
- 18. On or about November 5, 2018, as Plaintiff was exiting the Premises,
  Defendant's motorized revolving door struck malfunctioned and struck Plaintiff which
  caused him to fall har and sustain serious injury.
- 19. That the type of injury suffered by Plaintiff, and the circumstances under which Plaintiff suffered his injuries, ordinarily occurs due to someone's negligence, in that motorized revolving doors typically do not malfunction and strike patrons with such a force so as to knock them to the ground.
- 20. The incident which gave rise to Plaintiff's injuries was caused by an instrumentality under the Defendant's management and control in that Defendant owned and maintained the Premises upon which Plaintiff was injured.
- 21. That Defendant had superior knowledge or access to information as to the cause of the occurrence.

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22. That based upon the aforementioned facts and reasonable inferences of the occurrence wherein Plaintiff was struck by a motorized revolving door and caused to fall to the ground and sustain injury, such occurrence was directly caused by Defendant's negligence.

- 23. That as a direct and proximate result of the Defendant negligence as aforesaid, Plaintiff was struck by the revolving door and fell hard to the ground and sustained injuries to his right hip and all the bones, muscles, tendons, tissues, joints, ligaments, vessels, nerves and other soft tissues were severely electrocuted and otherwise damaged and Plaintiff's nerves and entire nervous system were disturbed and injured, including but not limited to injury to the Plaintiff's wrist, hand and upper extremity, that Plaintiff's serious and permanent injuries have caused Plaintiff to suffer limitation of motion and loss of ability to perform day-to-day activities and thereby has prevented Plaintiff from enjoying life and earning income; that Plaintiff has in the past and will in the future be required to seek medical care and incur expenses therefor; that all of Plaintiff's injuries are permanent and progressive in nature.
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Respectfully Submitted,

ROBERTS, WOOTEN & ZIMMER, LLC Attorneys At Law

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Defendant.	)

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Comes now Jonathan W. Doss and ROBERTS, WOOTEN & ZIMMER, L.L.C. and enters their appearance as co-counsel on behalf of Miles Piper in this matter.

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a complete copy of this instrument was e-mailed through the Court's electronic E-Filing system to all counsel of record on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

) SS.

COUNTY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU

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MILES PIPER

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Plaintiff,

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vs.

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Serve: Marc Ellinger, Registered Agent
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Jefferson City, MO 65101

Defendant.

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Comes now Plaintiff and requests that Rufus Harmon be appointed as special process server for the purpose of serving Defendant IOC-Cape Girardeau, LLC d/b/a Century Casino Cape Girardeau the attached Summons herein.

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Judge or Division:	Case Number: 21CG-CC00134	
SCOTT ALAN LIPKE		
Plaintiff/Petitioner:	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address	
MILES PIPER	CHARLES RAY WOOTEN	
	ROBERTS WOOTEN & ZIMMER LLC	
	P O BOX 888	
VS.	HILLSBORO, MO 63050	
Defendant/Respondent:	Court Address:	
IOC-CAPE GIRARDEAU LLC DBA CENTURY	203 NORTH HIGH STREET	
CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU RA: MARC	JACKSON, MO 63755	
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Plaintiff/Petitioner; MILES PIPER	Plaintill's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address CHARLES RAY WOOTEN ROBERTS WOOTEN & ZIMMER LLC P O BOX 888 HILLSBORO, MO 63050	
Defendant/Respondent: IOC-CAPE GIRARDEAU LLC DBA CENTURY CASINO CAPE GIRARDEAU RA: MARC ELLINGER	Court Address: 203 NORTH HIGH STREET JACKSON, MO 63755	
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